

NEW YORK CITY
Urban Nations Outreach Internship
Basic Information

What Is An Urban Nations Outreach Internship?

An Urban Nations Outreach Internship is a special urban leadership training program with emphasis on evangelism, ministering to Muslims (and other unreached people groups), and church planting. The intern will experience daily life in New York City, and have constant exposure and contact with immigrants from South Asia, West Africa, and the Middle East. The internship provides daily opportunities for students to work with one or several of these different “unreached people groups” who have immigrated to New York City. Besides the daily contact with our predominantly Muslim focus groups, the intern is introduced to many different learning situations—in leadership, teaching, personal and group evangelism, cross-cultural church planting, strategy development, apologetics, acculturation, etc.

The Urban Nations Outreach Internship is especially suited for students who are headed for urban ministry in pioneer areas... or for those who plan to serve in the “10/40 Window” on the foreign mission field.

An Urban Nations Outreach internship helps prepare the student in three primary ways. It enables the intern to:

1. **GAIN MINISTRY EXPERIENCE & TRAINING**...The internship provides hands-on experience and training which prepares the student for future ministry in urban or international settings.
2. **EARN SEMINARY OR COLLEGE CREDIT**...The internship satisfies most seminary or college internship course requirements. The intern’s professor or Dean will work with the UNO Director to make sure the requirements are fulfilled.
3. **BE EXPOSED TO UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS**...The internship exposes the student to newly arrived immigrants from the “10/40 Window” and helps Urban Nations Outreach minister to these peoples in an American context.

The intern will grow in knowledge and understanding of missions and urban ministry. The internship gives the student a taste of “living in a foreign country” and it emulates many aspects of what a new missionary will experience during his initial months on the foreign mission field. The internship also allows the intern to experience urban ministry situations and conditions that would not be possible in the classroom or suburban church setting.

Time/Length of Internship

- **Summer Intern**— Four to Twelve weeks between May and August
- **Semester Intern**—September through mid-December or January through mid-May

Qualifications & Requirements

- Reference letters from 1. a pastor/campus minister, 2. a professor or teacher from a school you have attended, 3. your mate (if married), parent, or close relative
- At least one year of college or Bible college
- Some missionary or ministry leadership experience in teaching, preaching, or evangelism
- Excellent people and leadership skills, desire to be a servant and learner, flexible, energetic, extrovert
- A Missions or Immigrant Focus--we are looking for solid Christians who have a burden to reach a specific "focus group" ...or be willing to develop a burden for such a people group. The Intern will develop strong evangelistic relationships with New York immigrants who are a part of his/her people group. The student will spend time with them, help meet their immigrant needs, and be willing to share the Gospel and disciple new converts.

What Urban Nations Outreach Provides

- **Housing Assistance** –The intern will share a very simple, dorm-style, bedroom in one of our missionary apartments in the immigrant neighborhoods of Queens or Brooklyn. Non-married interns share a room with other UNO interns and pay \$400 per month for housing (this is very inexpensive by New York standards). Married housing is usually not available in Urban Nations Outreach apartments, but sometimes there is availability and may be secured on a case-by case basis.
- **Structured Ministry**—The intern will be assigned a weekly schedule with responsibilities and goals which are explained beforehand and assessed on a weekly basis.
- **Training** –Urban Nations Outreach interns participate in a multi-day orientation period upon their arrival. But most of your training will be "as you go training". While in New York, interns may have opportunities to attend several training events such as ESL teacher training, apologetics training, church planting workshops, or evangelism training events.
- **Supervision**—Each intern is closely supervised and nurtured by one of our well-trained Urban Nations Outreach Staff with weekly supervisor/planning/encouragement meetings.

What the Intern Provides

- **COST** of the internship is basically **\$575 per month** plus food, spending money, and airfare to & from NYC.
- Housing costs: \$400 per month (this will be a shared room with 1-3 missionaries of the same gender)
- Subway pass: \$127 per month (as of February, 2020)
- Group outings and supplies: \$50
- Transportation costs and arrangements to and from New York City (when you get here we will have someone meet you at the airport or bus station). The cheapest airlines are usually Spirit, Frontier, Southwest, or check Priceline.com. Fly into LaGuardia or JFK airports (not Newark).

Responsibilities of the Intern

- Attending orientation and training sessions in New York
- Assisting and guiding mission teams when they come for week-long visits
- Teaching ESL, Citizenship, or Basic Computer Classes for Immigrants
- Leading weekly small group Bible discussions with Muslims or Hindus or native New Yorkers
- Helping with street evangelism, distribution of Jesus Film (in Muslim languages), special events
- Spending one-on-one time with befriended Muslims or Hindus in cafes, parks, homes, etc.
- Attending weekly supervisor/planning meeting and small group Bible Studies
- Helping publicize ministries and cultivate contacts with local businesses and neighbors
- Other stuff as needed :)

Note: Some of the Intern's responsibilities and assignments will be related to his/her special abilities, interests, or school requirements.

Initial Steps

- Pray that God would assure you that this is the direction He wants you to take.
- Consult with, and get guidance from your seminary/college professor, dean or counselor (if applicable).
- Fill out YOUR school's Intern Application (if applicable) or/and the Urban Nations Outreach Intern Application.
- Mail in your application and distribute the Urban Nations Outreach Reference forms
- Conduct an initial, introductory phone interview with the Urban Nations Outreach Director
- Conduct subsequent phone interviews to discuss fund raising, prayer supporters, & pre-field preparations.
- After approval from your seminary/college (if applicable) and Urban Nations Outreach, schedule your plane/bus tickets and take other steps outlined in the "Preparation for Urban Nations Outreach Internship Guide Sheet".

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